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STUDENTS FAST AT WHITE HOUSE -- RIOT IN BERLIN

Last month, students from several American colleges fasted and picketed for peace in front of the White House. The demonstration began with a group of fifteen Grinnell College youths. When President Kennedy read about their fast for peace in the newspapers, he had his press secretary telephone from Phoenix, Arizona, and instruct White House aides to invite the students in for a talk. On November 17, the students met with McGeorge Bundy, Kennedy's special assistant for national security affairs, and proposed that the President call a national student conference on the issue of war and peace.

Within a few days, students from Bluffton College, a Mennonite school in Ohio, from Carleton College in Minnesota and from Cornell College in Iowa added their weight to the protest.

The Bluffton students took time off from their White House vigil to call at the Soviet Embassy, where political attache Boris Davidov received their protest against his country's bomb tests.

The Carleton students carried placards which spoke for all the demonstrators and many others: "Minnesota students fast for test ban," "Nuclear testing accelerates the arms race," "We ask you to re-evaluate U.S. nuclear policy."

On the sector boundaries of Berlin, meanwhile, thousands of West Berlin students were tear-gassed and clubbed when they tried to storm the wall erected by the East German authorities to seal off their sector. Later, some 500 of the students staged a brief sitdown strike in protest against the action of the police against them. At its peak, the West Berlin students numbered three thousand in a five-mile torch-bearing parade.

"Down with the Communist wall!" "You are walling yourselves in!" These were some of the typical shouts, later punctuated with "Hang Ulbricht!"

A handful of American students fasting for peace. Thousands of German students crying out for freedom. Where do the Soviet students stand? Bradford Lyttle, leader of the San Francisco-Moscow peace March, reported that numbers of Soviet youths confided to him their solidarity with the principles of peace and nonviolence he talked about in Moscow.

The German youths' protest made front pages because violence is exciting. But there are deeper currents moving in the student world, and their depth is measured in terms of self-imposed hunger or a risky word to a foreign visitor.

Even in the inflammable courage of the West Berlin students there is a kind of hope -- if only their zeal for liberty might be harnessed to the quiet strength of nonviolent action.

A Victory for Peace

A little publicized but significant victory for peace occurred recently when U Thant was elected to succeed the late Dag Hammarskjold as Secretary General of the UN. His election demonstrated that quiet negotiation between the Soviet Union and the United States can still be fruitful. The Russians withdrew from their troika proposal while the U.S. agreed to an arrangement in the UN Secretariat which makes its operations more tolerable for them.

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The Struggle for Racial Justice: A Roundup of Recent Events

Forty-seven restaurant owners along U.S. Route 40 in Maryland and Delaware agreed to desegregate last month following an announcement by the Congress of Racial Equality that a massive Freedom Ride would test segregation there. CORE National Director James Farmer said the owners who agreed to desegregate had met the organization's condition and the ride would be delayed "for the time being." CORE gave the rest of the proprietors until Dec. 15 to follow suit. Route 40, which he termed "a major sore spot," has been the scene of frequent discrimination against American Negroes and African diplomats driving to and from New York and Washington.

Fourteen Negro and white Protestant Episcopal clergymen, convicted in September of "breach of the peace" when they sought service at a segregated bus terminal restaurant in Jackson, Miss., will have a second trial next May, it was announced recently. The fourteen had been sentenced to four months in jail and $200 fines each for their act but were freed on $500 bail pending appeal.

A nationwide, interdenominational attack on racial discrimination in churches and communities was launched by the United Church Women in October at their ninth national assembly in Miami Beach, Florida. Church women who accept the invitation to participate in the program will work to end segregation in their local churches, local councils of church women, and in their communities.

Segregation in Los Angeles housing is more widespread than in many communities in the Deep South, said CORE National Vice-Chairman Henry Hodge recently. Testifying before a California State Assembly committee, Hodge said that Negro "ghettoes" are growing there.

More than a third of the real estate agents in Rochester, N.Y., give "clear-cut evidence of discrimination," according to tests made by local CORE teams. The cases of discrimination are being referred by CORE to the State Commission Against Discrimination for action.

A statement urging members of the Church of the Brethren not to build family fallout shelters was issued last month by the Brethren denominational Board meeting in Elgin, Ill. "We believe it is our witness," the message said, "to dedicate our efforts to prevent war rather than to the more negative task of trying to protect ourselves against the eventualities of war." Members of the church were urged to oppose every aspect of the program which "in design or practice fosters fear, encourages hate, or increases war potential."

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The Detroit FOR last month issued a statement urging its members to work for the repeal of the Connolly Amendment. The Amendment empowers the U.S. Government with the choice to negate or nullify any or all issues which come before the International Court of Justice--thus rendering the court useless as a tool for world peace.

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In Hampton Beach, New Hampshire, two men nearly died of suffocation recently when the oxygen gave out and they had to leave their concrete shelter only a few hours after entering it. Lucky the world they came out to was still livable! This is only one of hundreds of things that could go wrong, not counting the unknown horrors of the aftermath.

PRISONERS FOR PEACE HONOR ROLL

The War Resisters' International has designated December 1 as Prisoners for Peace Day Now is the time to send Christmas Cards to Conscientious Objectors in the world's prisons. Greetings may contain the name and address of the sender, but no message. Prison addresses are shown in italics below with prisoners' names Everybody should also pray for these men on that day.

FRANCE

Jean-Pierre Hemon, *Prison Militaire, 2e Regiment, RAMA, Castres (Tarn) France.*

Maison d'arrêt, Loos les Lille, France: André Feret (Cellule 18, Section D), Luc Monnier.

Prison de Loos (Nord), France: Pierre Brinio, Francis Cardon, Yves Dubouch, Albert Fasquelle, Antoine Golabeck, Régis Kesteloot, Anthème Laurence, Gérard Segard.

L'Etape, domaine de la Trevaresse, Rognes (B.d.R.), France: Charles Actis, Marius Banaszek, André Biervaque, Gilbert Boistard, Daniel Cibrarion, Claude Dewitte, Frédéric Diedrich, Bernard Gabel, Gérard Manceau, Jean-Marie Ochenowski, Edmond Micazwin-Pierre Perron, Richard Przybylski, Christian Pyveteau, Gérard Quevilly, Marc Seignobos, Georges Termignon, Michel Terray, Gérard Thomas, Jean Ulliel.

René Nazon (Cellule 2.25), *Bâtiment A. Marseille-Mazargues, B. du R., France.*

Antoine Orengo, *Sanatorium de Liancourt (Oise), France.*

Maison d'arrêt, 18 Grande rue St. Michel, Toulouse (Haute Garonne), France: Jean Lagrave, Jean Pezet, Eric Pot.

Prison de Fresne (Seine), France: Sylvain Carrel, Henri Cheyrouse, Jean-Michel Cochard, Michel Duran, Roland Lebreton, M. Ohrant.

Fort du Ha, Bordeaux (Gironde), France: Georges Cherau, André Bernard.

Abbaye de Tanquant, Fontevrault (Maine et Loire), France: Raymond Daguenet, Dominique Rezer, André Vidal.

Prison de Rennes, Bld. Jacques Cartier, Rennes (I. et V.), France: Robert Beugin, Jean Biglione, Jacques Celer, Jean Compte, Joseph Fioravanzo, Jean-Claude Francois, Pierre Lorenzini.

Guy Brzyszczy, *Prison de Poitiers, Poitiers, France.*

Prison des Baumettes, Marseilles (B.d. R.), France: Valentin-Mario Columba, Rene Nazon.

Michel Hanniet, *Caserne Donop, Nancy, France.*

Janura Jaroslaw, *Fort de Montluc, Lyon (Rhone), France.*

Vladislax Palucki, *Prison de Reims, France.*

Jean Posluszny, *17 bis Place (du Champ de Foire, Limoges (Hte-Vienne), France.*

Paul Actis, *1 rue du Tonkin, Villeurbanne, France.*

Francois Chanecka, *23 rue Surcon, Bordeaux (Gironde), France.*

Paul Colas-Berna, *24 rue Soleysel, Saint-Etienne (Loire), France.*

Guy Grosmann, *8 rue Hargaut, Lunèville (M. et M.), France.*

Charles Lambrecht, *4 rue Philippe Delorme, Roubaix (Nord), France.*

Lucien Latini, *H.L.M. rue du Cdt Braine, Catelnonne-Villerupt (Moselle), France.*

Alban Liechti, *29 rue Rousselet. Paris 7ème, France.*

Jean-Claude Mozer, *17 rue Molière, Montreuil-sur-Seine, France.*

Claude Neveu, *46 rue des Lys, Pont de Nieppe (Nord), France.*

Daniel Peter, *8 rue de l'Hippodrome, Villeurbanne, France.*

Charles Phul, *52 Avenue du Docteur Jean, Saintes (Ch.M.), France.*

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Please allow 4 weeks—supply both old and new address.

Joël Rault, *7 rue Barbes, Beaucaire (Gard), France.*

Paul Soulian, *21 rue de Fresse, Fontainebleau (S. et M.).*

GREAT BRITAIN

Hugh Bliss, *H.M. Prison, Drake Hall, Eccleshall, Staffs, England.*

George Clark, *H.M. Prison, Jebb Avenue, Brixton, London, S.W. 2, England.*

Carol Farrow, *H.M. Prison, Holloway, London, N. 7, England.*

Robert Gould, *H.M. Prison, Wormwood Scrubbs, Du Cane Road, London, W. 12, England.*

HOLLAND

Robert Bronx, *Ijsselsteomstraat 30, Amstelveen, Holland.*

Henk Bok, *Camstrawei 33, Firdgum (Friesland), Holland.*

Piet de Heer, *Driehuizen B 56, Stompetoren, Holland.*

Edo Reijnders, *Trompstraat 24, Oldenzaal, Holland.*

SWITZERLAND

André Pache, *Etablissements penitentiaires de Bochuz, Orbe, Switzerland.*

Alain Charrotton, *Prison de St. Antoine, Genève, Switzerland.*

Gerald Jousson, *14 Luserna, Genève, Switzerland.*

U.S.A.

Levi L. Herschberger, *Federal Correctional Institution, Allenwood, Pa.*

Donald Bruce Reed, *Federal Correctional Institution, Chillicote, Ohio.*

Donald Martin, *Federal Correctional Institution, Ashland, Kentucky.*

William Henry, *Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Conn.*

Stanley L. Rhodes, *Federal Correctional Institution, Terminal Island, Cal.*

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